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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 for which a response was due on August 21, 2002 and for which a one month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from August 21, 2002 to September 21, 2002. As September 21, 2002 falls on a Saturday, the period for reply extends to the next business day, Monday, September 23, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.